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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION

STATE OF UTAH, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DEB HAALAND, et al.,

Defendants,

and

SOUTHERN UTAH WILDERNESS ALLIANCE,

Defendant-Intervenor.

Case No. 2:24-cv-00172-TS-DAO

DEFENDANT-INTERVENOR SOUTHERN UTAH WILDERNESS ALLIANCE'S RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS' COMPLAINT

District Judge Ted Stewart Magistrate Judge Daphne A. Oberg

Pursuant to DUCivR 7-4(b)(2), Defendant-Intervenor Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA), through counsel, hereby responds to Plaintiffs' Complaint in the above-captioned matter: the Bureau of Land Management's San Rafael Desert Travel Management Plan:

Reconsideration of Routes as Required by the 2022 Settlement Agreement is neither arbitrary nor capricious and is instead supported by substantial evidence.

SUWA also raises the following affirmative defenses:

- 1. Plaintiffs fail to state a claim upon which relief may be granted for all or some of the claims in the Complaint.
 - 2. All or some of the claims in Plaintiffs' Complaint are not justiciable.
 - 3. Plaintiffs' lack standing to assert all or some of the claims in the Complaint.

Respectfully Submitted May 2, 2024.

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